

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA SALLE CITY COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
745 SECOND STREET, LA SALLE, IL.
7:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 7, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
ABSENT	None

**OATHS OF OFFICE AND SEATING OF COUNCIL MEMBERS AND
APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY CLERK AND RELATED MATTERS**

Prior to oaths of office being administered Attorney McPhedran explained the process for the evening. Attorney McPhedran informed those present and the public that due to the newly elected City Clerk recovering from surgery, a Deputy Clerk would also be appointed and given the oath. Immediately upon being sworn in as City Clerk and appointing a Deputy, Carrie Brown will request a formal medical leave of absence. Attorney McPhedran explained that the new clerk wanted the public to know that until she is able to return to her duties in full, no remuneration for any services will be paid by the City of La Salle. In addition, Ginny Kochanowski, newly elected Treasurer will not be sworn in this evening. As City Clerk for many years, Ginny will temporarily serve in a special consulting capacity to assist the Deputy Clerk, who will also be hired this evening as the new Administrative Assistant. One of the duties of the Administrative Assistant is to serve as Deputy Clerk, therefore Ginny will assist with training of the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk. An ordinance will be passed later in the meeting to this effect.

Mayor Grove introduced Judge R.James Lannon, Jr. who was in attendance to swear in newly elected officials. Judge Lannon gave the oath of office to City Clerk Carrie Brown, First Ward Alderman Jim Bacidore, Second Ward Alderman Tom Ptak, Third Ward Alderman John Lavieri, Third Ward Alderman John Duncan, Fourth Ward Alderman Therold Herndon, and Mayor Jeff Grove.

City Clerk Brown and Mayor Grove signed the appointment allowing Beth Swingel to be sworn in as Deputy Clerk by Judge Lannon.

Mayor Jeff Grove thanked Ginny Kochanowski for agreeing to hold off on being sworn in as Treasurer in order to help train the new Clerk and Deputy Clerk. He recognized her dedication to the City of La Salle as Alderwoman from 1991-1997 and City Clerk from 1997-2013 and now Treasurer from 2013-present. Mayor Grove asked everyone to join him in thanking her and presented her with a plaque and also indicated one would be hung in the council chambers honoring her service. Ginny Kochanowski expressed how much she enjoyed her role as Alderwoman and Clerk and is happy to stay on for awhile.

Attorney McPhedran formally asked City Clerk Carrie Brown if it was her intention to take a medical leave of absence. Carrie Brown formally signed a letter stating this intent.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri Duncan, Herndon, Schneider
ABSENT	None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Reynolds that the minutes of the regular City Council meeting held on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 are accepted and placed on file; each and every Alderman has a copy. Voice votes all ayes, motion carried.

Attorney McPhedran clarified that Deputy Clerk Beth Swingel would be taking notes at the meeting, even though Ginny Kochanowski was present to assist at the meeting. Attorney McPhedran re-emphasized that Ginny was not sworn in as Treasurer to avoid any question that she is attempting to hold two offices within the City of La Salle.

PETITIONS

A request by Hannah Maurer on behalf of Scott Clark of Jake's Pour House for permission to block off his parking lot at 201 9th Street on Saturday, May 11, 2013 for an outdoor barbeque and "bags" games.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Demes that Hannah Maurer be allowed to address the council. Voice vote all ayes; motion carried.

Hannah Maurer addressed the council and explained the area would be blocked off with snow fencing for a cook-out and bags games from 1-8 p.m for their softball smoker. She explained alcohol would be permitted outside within the fenced in area. Alderman Duncan questioned whether the neighbors had been

informed. She did not believe they had been at this time. Mayor Grove asked that Scott Clark make contact with the neighbors. Mayor Grove asked them to be respectful of neighbors and indicated this first event will determine approval of future events.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Demes to grant permission to Scott Clark of Jake's Pour House to block off the parking lot at 201 9th Street on Saturday, May 11, 2013 from 1-8 p.m. for an outdoor barbeque and "bags" game

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. Motion carried.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Alderman Ptak to grant Ameren Illinois requests to break ground to relocate a pole at 463 Chartres Street south to the property line and to retire gas service at 333 and 359 3rd Street, as well as at 327 Bucklin. Each and every alderman has a copy. Voice votes all ayes; motion carried.

Attorney McPhedran explained the request for annexation from the Kelly Family can not be addressed at this time as we are waiting for the petition to come in. Alderman Duncan asked if we can refer this to the Planning Commission while we are still waiting. Attorney McPhedran explained Attorney Pat Barry wanted to wait until the petition was in to see what type of zoning requests were involved.

REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri that the Police Income report for March 2013 showing total fees collected of \$15,980.33 is accepted and placed on file; each and every Alderman has a copy. Voice vote all ayes; motion is carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

RESIGNATIONS

Resignations were submitted by Don and Ruth Spayer from the La Salle Park Development Committee. Mayor Grove asked the council and those in attendance to show their appreciation for the work the Spayers have done on this committee in helping to make the La Salle Rotary Park become a reality. They have served on the committee since its inception.

Moved with regret, Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the resignations of Don and Ruth Spayer from the La Salle Park Development Committee. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None Motion carried.

BIDS

City Engineer Mike Furlan explained a bid opening was held on Thursday, May 2, 2013 for the 2013 Road Project. Two bids, one from Len Trovero Construction came in at \$300,114.10 and the second bid from Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. came in as low bidder at \$289,783.90. Both bids came in under the engineers estimate. There is an eight day waiting period in case of any objections. Mr. Furlan felt everything is in order and recommended to the council to accept the low bid given by Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. Alderman Duncan expressed concern he had heard Universal was going out of business. Mr. Furlan explained they were out of business, but are operating under a new name. Mr. Furlan explained that Universal Asphalt & Excavating, Inc. will have to provide a performance bond, IDOT had no objections and the work they have done for the City in the past has been acceptable to him.

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the low bid from Universal Asphalt and Excavating, Inc. of \$289,783.90 for the 2013 Road Project subject to no objections being raised during the eight day waiting period at which juncture the City Council could reconsider.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: Duncan. Absent : None. Motion carried.

BIDS: 2013 Road Project

L.Trovero Construction: \$300,114.10

Universal Asphalt: \$289,783.90

STANDING COMMITTEES**APPOINTMENTS**

Mayor Grove thanked all of those people he appointed in his last term and asked the council to approve the following appointments for four year terms: Don Aleksy, Economic Development Director, Mike Furlan, City Engineer, Andy Bacidore, Fire Chief, based on Chief Bacidore's recommendation, Charles Lishewski, Assistant Fire Chief, Rob Uranich, Police Chief, based on Chief Uranich's recommendation, Chuck Foster as Deputy Chief, Racugglia and Associates and Attorney Jim McPhedran as City Attorney.

The Mayor also asked approval of the following appointments for a one year term: Brian Maddox, Building Inspector, JoAnn Milby, Comptroller.

The Mayor asked for approval of the appointment of Sam McNeilly as Superintendent of Public Works through September 2013. Sam will retire from the City of La Salle at that time. Mayor Grove thanked Sam for his dedication, professionalism and the knowledge he has shared over the years.

Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded Alderman Herndon that the Mayor's appointments be approved. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None.
Motion carried.

APPOINTMENTS

Don Aleksy, Economic Development- 4 yrs.
Mike Furlan, City Engineer- 4 yrs.
Andy Bacidore, Fire Chief- 4 yrs.
Charles Lishewski, Asst. Fire Chief- 4 yrs.
Rob Uranich, Police Chief- 4 yrs.
Charles Foster, Deputy Chief- 4 yrs.
James McPhedran of Raccuglia and Associates as City Attorney- 4 yrs.
Joanne Milby, Comptroller- 1 year
Brian Maddox, Building Inspector- 1 year
Sam McNeilly, Dir/Supt of Public Works until September 2013.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES

OLD BUSINESS

Alderman Demes reminded everyone that the fourth Saturday of the month beginning on May 25, 2013 is when the French Market will be held from 8-2 in the State Bank Parking Lot. In conjunction, on the fourth Saturday of the month there will be a different activity. Alderman Demes requested permission from the council to have a bicycle and wagon parade on May 25, 2013 at 10 a.m. commencing at Santa's house on Wright Street to the Canal Corridor building and then north on first street and then west on Wright street. Alderman Demes spoke to the Police Chief and he saw no problem. Alderman Reynolds added that children will decorate bikes and wagons in honor of Memorial Day.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion and authorization for emergency repairs to the Sanitary sewer main on Crosat Street in the area between Baker Avenue and Grant Street. City Engineer Mike Furlan explained that after recent heavy rains many streets had issues. At the residence of Lisa Manijak there have been multiple issues. A sewer camera was used to televise the line and numerous major cracks and missing pieces and sections of pipes were found missing in the sanitary sewer line. Mike Furlan recommended to the council to approve an emergency measure and have Pohar begin work. Work will be done on a time and materials basis. Mike Furlan estimated costs to be approximately \$35,000. Moved by Alderman Duncan and seconded by Alderman Ptak to authorize emergency repairs to sanitary sewer system on Crosat Street.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None Motion carried.

Attorney McPhedran clarified that this is not a repair on the private property of the Manijaks. This is the City sewer main and several homes are affected by this problem Alderman Herndon stated there are four homes to the east affected by this issue.

Alderman Demes explained that unfortunately one ambulance was totaled in a recent accident and the Ambulance Service is in dire need of a replacement. Chief Bacidore has been shopping for a replacement and met with a supplier. Estimate is for a 2011 brand new unit with all the bells and whistles. The unit has a F450 chasis which should give the City 500,000 miles or more. Price for the ambulance is \$118,613.

Chief Bacidore explained that extensive shopping was done for the best price on the ambulance as well as financing for the purchase. Mayor Grove stated the funding will come from ambulance service and once the ladder truck is paid for, additional monies will be available to pay off the new ambulance. The Finance Committee also looked at all options and felt this was the best decision.

Moved by Alderman Demes and seconded by Schneider to accept approval to purchase the new ambulance and connected financing
ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None Absent : None
Abstain: Alderman Duncan on Financing portion only. Motion carried.

Mayor Grove explained an ad was placed in the paper seeking an Administrative Assistant and 250 individuals responded. Mayor Grove asked the City to approve the hiring of Beth Swingel as the new Administrative Assistant. Attorney McPhedran asked the council to accept the ordinance first which outlines the duties of the administrative assistant which includes the role of Deputy Clerk.

Alderman Lavieri represented Mayor Grove at the opening parade for Boys Baseball and Girls Softball. He presented the Mayor with a booklet and ball.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to send a potential request for handicapped signs from 1150-1170 Hennepin Street to the Streets, Alleys and Traffic committee. Voice vote all ayes: motion is carried.

Alderman Bacidore set the meeting up with the Streets, Alleys and Traffic Committee on May 21, 2013 at 6:45 p.m

Alderman Schneider had been contacted by Don and Ruth Spayer about placing a sign in the alley on North Joliet and Sobieski streets. He explained approval

has already been given in regards to placing a sign in the alley, but there is further concern about the placement. It was agreed that the issue will be revisited with the Street, Alleys and Traffic Committee on May 21, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the ordinance No. 2429 establishing the position of Administrative Assistant. Each and every alderman has a copy. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2429: Ordinance Authorizing and establishing the position of Administrative Assistant.

Attorney McPhedran explained this ordinance is in furtherance of the action item that was in the New Business category on the agenda, previously presented by the Mayor. The duties of this person will include assisting in the Mayor's office, assisting as Deputy Clerk for the City Clerk's office, and other duties as the Mayor and City Council may direct.

Motion by Alderman Schneider and Seconded by Alderman Duncan to appoint Beth Swingel as an Administrative Assistance in the City of La Salle in furtherance of the ordinance that was passed.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None Motion carried.

Appointment: Beth Swingel, Administrative Assistant

Moved by Alderman Ptak and seconded by Alderman Reynolds to accept the ordinance No. 2430 approving and authorizing the Execution of a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and Thomas Arnold (TIF V). Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2430: Ordinance Approving and Authorizing the Execution of a TIF District Redevelopment Agreement between the City of La Salle, La Salle County, Illinois and Thomas Arnold (TIF V).

Moved by Alderman Herndon and Seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the Ordinance No. 2431 Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Car and Related Financing Matters. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Alderman Duncan on Financing portion only. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2431: Ordinance Authorizing Acquisition of Police Squad Cars and related Financing Matters.

Moved by Alderman Bacidore and seconded by Alderman Ptak to accept the ordinance No. 2432 authorizing handicapped parking space in front of 1227 Seventh Street. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2432: Ordinance Authorizing handicapped parking space in front of 1227 Seventh Street.

Moved by Alderman Lavieri and seconded by Alderman Schneider to accept the ordinance No. 2433 establishing the Appointive Position of Director of Parks and Recreation and related matters. Each and every Alderman has a copy. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2433: Ordinance Establishing the appointive position of Director of Parks and Recreation and related matters.

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Lavieri to accept the recommendation of the Mayor and the Park Board to appoint Don Baldin as the Director of Parks and Recreation for a one year term. ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

Appointment: Don Baldin, Director of Parks and Recreation- 1 year

Moved by Alderman Schneider and seconded by Alderman Herndon to accept the ordinance No. 2434 Authorizing Interim Consulting Agreement with Virginia Kochanowski.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 2434: Ordinance Authorizing Interim Consulting Agreement with Virginia Kochanowski.

Mayor Grove thanked Attorney McPhedran for all the time he put into researching the various changes and procedures due to recent circumstances and for ensuring all legal requirements were met.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion by Alderman Ptak and Seconded by Alderman Lavieri to pay bills of \$338,243.94 (payroll \$152,896.48, bills to be paid \$36,997.38, bills paid \$148,350.08) be accepted, paid and placed on file. Each and every alderman has a copy.

ROLL CALL: AYE: Alderman Demes, Bacidore, Ptak, Reynolds, Lavieri, Duncan, Herndon, Schneider. NAY: None. Absent : None. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Alderman Herndon and seconded by Alderman Schneider to adjourn. Voice vote all ayes: motion is carried.

Mayor Grove reminded everyone that on May 8, 2013 there is a meeting with the Comprehensive Plan group at 6 p.m.

ADJOURNED 8:07 p.m.

Clerk